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cc

The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Bob:

A number of employees of the Central Intelligence Agency were among the casualties caused by the bombing of the United States Embassy in Saigon on 30 March. Some were cared for locally while a number required evacuation to the Clark Air Force Base hospital. Most of these were subsequently evacuated to the United States for hospitalization in Department of Defense medical facilities.

The reports which I have received from [] Saigon and the Philippines and Agency representatives in the United States have all highly praised the total dedication and sustained outstanding performance of all military personnel involved in the immediate assistance to our Saigon station and the care, treatment, evacuation, and hospitalization of our casualties.

The conduct of all military personnel involved in this operation beginning with General Westmoreland's command in Saigon through Clark Air Force Base to include Walter Reed General Hospital, Letterman General Hospital, and the Bethesda Naval Medical Center has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

I should be grateful if you would convey the sincere appreciation of the Central Intelligence Agency to appropriate personnel in the Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

John A. McCone
Director

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